

AMENDMENTS TO LB 483

Introduced by Judiciary

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new section:

3 Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that:

4 (a) Research reveals that children who have parents
5 involved in their lives perform better academically and socially in
6 school, experience fewer mental health and substance abuse issues,
7 and are less likely to commit serious crime;

8 (b) Strategies to address family stability and
9 intergenerational poverty are specifically needed for children with
10 incarcerated parents; and

11 (c) Research reveals that family-based reentry planning,
12 including relationship development and housing and employment
13 strategies, results in lower recidivism and greater family economic
14 stability.

15 (2) The Department of Correctional Services shall
16 establish a two-year pilot program for the purpose of providing in
17 Nebraska adult correctional facilities an evidence-based program of
18 parent education, early literacy, relationship skills development,
19 and reentry planning involving family members of incarcerated
20 parents prior to their release. Incarcerated parents of children
21 between birth and five years of age shall have priority for
22 participation in the program. The department may award a contract
23 to operate the pilot program. Such contract shall be based on

1 competitive bids as provided in sections 73-101 to 73-105. The
2 department shall track data related to program participation and
3 recidivism.

4 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate
5 \$250,000 from the Correctional Industries Revolving Fund to the
6 department in each of FY2013-14 and FY2014-15 for purposes of
7 funding the pilot program required by this section.

8 Sec. 2. Section 83-150, Reissue Revised Statutes of
9 Nebraska, is amended to read:

10 83-150 All funds received by the Department of
11 Correctional Services under sections 83-144 to 83-152 shall be
12 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Correctional
13 Industries Revolving Fund, which fund is hereby created. The fund
14 shall be administered by the Director of Correctional Services.
15 The fund (1) shall be used to pay all proper expenses incident
16 to the administration of sections 83-144 to 83-152 and (2) may be
17 used to carry out section 1 of this act, except that transfers
18 from the fund to the General Fund may be made at the direction of
19 the Legislature. Any money in the Correctional Industries Revolving
20 Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
21 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act
22 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

23 Sec. 3. Original section 83-150, Reissue Revised Statutes
24 of Nebraska, is repealed.